

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 10, as follows:

Further characteristics and advantages of the present invention will become better apparent from the description of three embodiments thereof, illustrated only by way of non-limitative example in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a cross-section view of a shoe according to the invention in the assembled condition, in a first embodiment;

Figure 2 is a cross-section view of the shoe of Figure 1 prior to final assembly;

Figure 3 is a cross-section view of the sole of a shoe according to the invention in a second embodiment thereof;

Figure 4 is a cross-section view of the sole of a shoe according to the invention in a third embodiment thereof;

Figure 5 is a cross-section view of a shoe according to the invention in the assembled condition, in a fourth embodiment thereof;

Figure 6 is a cross-section view of the shoe of Figure 5 prior to final assembly;

Figure 7 is a cross-section view of a shoe according to the invention in the assembled condition, in a fifth embodiment thereof;

Figure 8 is a cross-section view of the shoe of Figure 7 prior to final assembly;

Figure 9a is a cross-section view of a shoe including a membrane having a modified structure;

Figure 9b is a cross-section view of the shoe of Figure 9a prior to final assembly;

Figure 10a is a cross-section view of a shoe including a protective element having a modified structure;

Figure 10b is a cross-section view of the shoe of Figure 10a prior to final assembly.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 30, as follows:

As an alternative, as shown in Figures 9a and 9b, the edge 419 of the membrane 414 can be folded around the edge 418 of the protective element 417 or, as shown in Figures 10a and 10b, said protective element could be thinned at its edge (if it has the same perimeter as the membrane 414) until it allows the sealing adhesive to penetrate between the membrane 414 and the sole 416.